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LETTER DATED 26 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our letter of 26 August 1991, I have the honour to inform you of further violations perpetrated by helicopters belonging to the United States of America and its allies in Iraqi airspace and territory, proceeding from Turkish airspace, as follows:

1. On 16 August 1991, three helicopters landed at Barmani Airport in Dohuk governorate. They were carrying United States officers who had come to meet certain elements in the Sarsank area.
2. On 19 August 1991, four helicopters were observed flying over the Fayidah camp and then returning in the direction of Dohuk.
3. At 1130 hours on 20 August 1991, six United States helicopters landed in the Shaqlawah area, and at 1640 hours on 20 August 1991, five helicopters were observed proceeding from Harir in the direction of Dohuk. There was ample information indicating that the above-mentioned helicopters were carrying United States officers to the Shaqlawah area to meet with certain elements in the area.
4. On 21 August 1991, six United States helicopters flew over the Fayidah area in Dohuk governorate and were then followed by four other helicopters proceeding from the town of Dohuk. The above-mentioned helicopters were carrying out reconnaissance over the Dohuk-Mosul road and the Saddam Dam area.

My Government, in repeating its vehement protest against and condemnation of the irresponsible actions carried out by the helicopters of the allied forces, namely, the violation of the integrity of Iraqi airspace and Iraqi territorial integrity, also protests vehemently against the Turkish Government, because those helicopters entered Iraq across Turkish territory and through its airspace, in violation of the rules of international law, the principles of good-neighbourliness and the Iraq-Turkey border treaty of 1926,

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and calls upon it to desist immediately from permitting aircraft of the allied forces to use its airspace for aggression against the integrity and sovereignty of Iraq.

This behaviour on the part of the United States of America and its allies constitutes a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law, because it represents a blatant attack on the sovereignty of a State Member of the United Nations.

In informing you of these violations, I request you, in accordance with the provisions and principles of the Charter of the Organization, to take steps to put a stop to them and to prevent their repetition in the future.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sabah Talat KADRAT
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